

November 10, 2008

Fall Greetings to You from the Pony Street Advisory Committee!

Thanks to everyone who responded to the Pony Street Issue Survey. We received 47 surveys back out of 140 sent, with a total of 317 comments to the 10 questions in the survey. The complete record of all responses can be viewed at the Pony Post Office or on the Madison County website at <http://madison.mt.gov/departments/plan/PRC/PRC.asp>.

This committee was formed last fall to make recommendations about road issues in the Pony town site to the Madison County Commissioners. The committee has since hosted 6 open meetings with Commissioner Marilyn Ross. We agreed on the importance of creating an opportunity for all Pony residents and property owners to provide input on the subject and stressed the importance to act in a fair and impartial manner. A survey was mailed, postage paid by Madison County, to all Pony residents and property owners. Marilyn Ross has been supportive of our efforts and very helpful throughout the process. There is no obligation on the part of any government official to take action on any of our suggestions. However, we do share a mutual goal to improve communication with our elected officials in order to support efficient and practical use of county resources. Who knows better what needs to be 'fixed' in a town than the residents themselves?

Survey Summary - 47 responses out of 140 sent

Property owners- 41, non owners- 6

Residents- 13 part-time, 19 full-time, 15 absentee or NA

Properties surveyed - 19 no, 18 yes, 10 NA

After reviewing the comments, we concluded that Reel Street, Hanley St. (main arterials leading out of town), and Jefferson St. (impassable when wet due to clay soils) are the streets most in need of maintenance.

Our recommendations:

- ☐ Hanley be added to the list of streets that receive regular snow removal.
- ☐ County-applied dust abatement for Hanley, Reel, and Jefferson streets.
- ☐ Culvert and roadbed maintenance for Hanley St.

🚩 Note: Dust abatement has been recently applied on the first 1/4 mile of the Potosi Road and South Mallory St. has received needed maintenance.

There were many helpful comments about encroachment, new road construction, and road closures, as well as comments regarding the lack of an accurate survey of the streets in Pony. We agreed that no recommendations could be made on these issues until the Pony town site is surveyed. Marilyn Ross discovered that grant monies are available to counties for this purpose. Barbie Durham, county grant writer, can prepare and submit this grant on our behalf. The committee is in favor of applying for these monies and will host a **public information meeting** with Madison County Commissioner Marilyn Ross, Planner Charity Fechter, and Grant Writer Barbie Durham on **Wednesday, November 19 from 1:30 - 3:00** at the Hollowtop Senior Center. We regret that an evening meeting is not possible. For information or to comment, please contact the Madison County Grant Office, PO Box 278, Virginia City MT 59755.

Thank You!

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